

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—POSTAL SERVICE

(Out of the postal revenues)

For city delivery carriers, \$175.87.
 For clerks, first and second class post offices, \$130.22.
 For compensation to postmasters, \$74.61.
 For indemnities, domestic mail, \$2,703.28.
 For indemnities, international mail, \$142.07.
 For labor-saving devices, \$31.
 For mail messenger service, \$6.58.
 For personal or property damage claims, \$601.
 For railroad transportation, \$202.59.
 For rent, light, and fuel, \$4,637.45.
 For temporary clerk hire, \$117.02.
 For temporary city delivery carriers, \$83.49.
 For village delivery service, \$71.42.

Post Office Department.

Total, audited claims, section 3, \$293,847.22, together with such additional sum due to increases in rates of exchange, as may be necessary to pay claims in the foreign currency as specified in certificates of settlement of the General Accounting Office.

Additional to meet increases in rates of exchange.

Title of Act.

SEC. 4. This Act hereafter may be referred to as the "Second Deficiency Act, fiscal year 1926."

Approved, July 3, 1926.

CHAP. 772.—An Act To regulate the issue and validity of passports, and for other purposes.

July 3, 1926.

[H. R. 12495.]

[Public—No. 493.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State may grant and issue passports, and cause passports to be granted, issued, and verified in foreign countries by diplomatic representatives of the United States, and by such consul generals, consuls, or vice consuls when in charge, as the Secretary of State may designate, and by the chief or other executive officer of the insular possessions of the United States, under such rules as the President shall designate and prescribe for and on behalf of the United States, and no other person shall grant, issue, or verify such passports.

Passports.
 Issue of, by Secretary of State, and diplomatic and consular officers designated by him.

In insular possessions.
 R. S., sec. 4075, p. 785.
 By other persons forbidden.

SEC. 2. That the validity of a passport or visa shall be limited to a period of two years: *Provided*, That the Secretary of State may limit the validity of a passport or visa to a shorter period and that no immigration visa shall be issued for a longer period than that specified in the Immigration Act of 1924 or amendments thereto: *And provided further*, That a passport may be renewed without any additional charge under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of State, and at his discretion to bona fide teachers, but the final date of expiration shall not be more than four years from the original date of issue.

Valid for two years.
Proviso.
 For a shorter period.

Immigration visas.
 Vol. 43, p. 153.

Renewals limited.

SEC. 3. That whenever a fee is erroneously charged and paid for the issue of a passport to a person who is exempted from the payment of such a fee by section 1 of "An Act making appropriations for the Diplomatic and Consular Service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921," approved June 4, 1920 (Forty-first Statutes, page 750), the Department of State is hereby authorized to refund to the person who paid such fee the amount thereof, and the money for that purpose is hereby authorized to be appropriated.

Refund of fee erroneously paid by exempted person.
 Vol. 41, p. 750.

Authorization for.

SEC. 4. That section 4075 of the Revised Statutes of the United States as amended by the Act of June 14, 1902 (Thirty-second

Laws repealed.
 R. S., sec. 4075, p. 785.
 Vol. 32, p. 336; Vol. 41, p. 751.

Statutes, page 386), and section 3 of "An Act making appropriations for the Diplomatic and Consular Service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921," approved June 4, 1920 (Forty-first Statutes, page 750), except as hereinbefore provided are hereby repealed.

Approved, July 3, 1926.

July 3, 1926.
[H. R. 9967.]
[Public, No. 494.]

CHAP. 773.—An Act Authorizing an expenditure of \$6,000 from the tribal funds of the Chippewa Indians of Minnesota for the construction of a road on the Leech Lake Reservation.

Chippewa Indians,
Minn.
Road on Leech Lake
Reservation authorized
from funds of.
Vol. 26, p. 645.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of \$6,000 of the principal fund on deposit to the credit of the Chippewa Indians in the State of Minnesota, arising under section 7 of the Act of January 14, 1889 (Twenty-fifth Statutes at Large, page 642), is authorized to be appropriated for the construction of a road on the Leech Lake Reservation from the Chippewa Sanatorium at Onigum to connect with State highway numbered 34, under rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That Indian labor shall be employed as far as practicable.

Proviso.
Indian labor for.

Approved, July 3, 1926.

July 3, 1926.
[H. R. 3763.]
[Public, No. 496.]

CHAP. 774.—An Act To prevent delay in the promotion of officers of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Navy and Marine
Corps.
Officers not to be de-
layed promotion by a
temporary excess in the
grade or rank, due to
failure to fill vacancy
in a higher one.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the promotion of an officer of the Navy or Marine Corps shall not be delayed or barred because of a resulting temporary excess in the grade or rank to which promotion is due, caused by the delay for any reason of the promotion of an officer in that grade or rank to fill an existing vacancy in a higher grade or rank.

Approved, July 3, 1926.

July 3, 1926.
[H. R. 5223.]
[Public, No. 496.]

CHAP. 775.—An Act To authorize disbursing officers of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps to designate deputies.

Disbursing officers,
Army, Navy, and Ma-
rine Corps.
Deputies may be
designated by, to make
disbursements as their
agents, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That when, in the opinion of the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy, the exigencies of the service so require, disbursing officers of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps may, with the approval of the head of their executive department and the consent of their surety or sureties, if any, designate deputies for the purpose of having them make disbursements as their agents, sign checks drawn against their disbursing accounts with the Treasurer of the United States, and discharge all other duties required according to law or regulation to be performed by such disbursing officers, and the agent officer shall be subject, for his official misconduct, to all liabilities and penalties prescribed by law in like cases for the officer for whom he acts as deputy: *Provided*, That every deputy so designated for a disbursing officer who is bonded shall, if not already under bond, give bond as required by the head of the department concerned.

Responsibility of
deputies.

Proviso.
Bond required.

Approved, July 3, 1926.